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St. James's, March 30.

HER Majesty having been pleased to Constitute the Right-Honourable Richard Earl Rivers Constable of Her Majesty's Tower of London, his Lordship this Day, by Her Majesty's Command, took the accustomed Oath.

The Right Honourable Sir Thomas Parker, Knt. Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's-Bench, was this Day Sworn of Her Majesty's most Honourable Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Moscow, February 28. N. S. The Dispute concerning the Affront offered to his Excellency Mr. Mattueof, the Russian Ambassador in Great Britain, is wholly concluded to his Czarish Majesty's Satisfaction. Some Debates about the Ceremonial retarded Mr. Whitworth, her British Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary's Publick Audience for two or three Days; but on the 15th Instant all things were settled. On the 16th about eight of the Clock in the Morning the British Consul, all the Merchants of that Nation, and several English Officers in the Czar's Service, being forty in number, waited on the Ambassador at his House. At nine a Gentleman of his Czarish Majesty's Bed-chamber, was sent to acquaint his Excellency, that Monsieur Czoltikeff, the first Carver, and Brother to the Empress Dowager, was on the way with the Czar's Coaches, to carry him to his Audience. About an Hour after Monsieur Czoltikeff came, and his Excellency brought him to his Chamber according to the Ceremonial, while his Excellency's Secretary, and the British Merchants, were taking their Places in the Coaches. The Procession began with twenty three Coaches, each drawn by six Horses. In the last belonging to Prince Menzikoff, was the Ambassador's Secretary with the Credentials, and also a Secretary of the Czars which was followed by the Ambassador's own Coach carved and gilt, lined with Green, trimmed with Gold Galloons, the Foot cloath of the same, richly laced and embroidered. This was succeeded by a rich painted Chariot lined with Scarlet, drawn by six black Horses, and the Harness was embossed with Silver Plates. In the next Place proceeded a Chariot very richly gilt, lined with red Velvet, trimmed with Silver Lace, drawn by six black Horses, with their Harness finely adorned: Then came on twelve Footmen in red Liveries, who were followed by four Pages on Horseback, whose Coats were of fine Scarlet richly laced with Gold and Silver, their Wastecoats and Sleeves of green Brocade, embroidered with Gold and Silver Flowers. The Procession was closed by the Czar's Coach of State, wherein sate the Ambassador, accompanied by Monsieur Czoltikeff, and the Master of the Ceremonies. The March took up the space of an Hour and a half; and the Streets were every where thronged with Spectators. The Guards received his Excellency at the Castle with Drums beating, Colours flying, and the Officers with their Swords drawn, saluted him with their Hats at the Head of their Regiments. The Ambassador; upon his alighting out of the Coach, was complimented by Monsieur Naroskin, one of the Gentlemen of the Bed-chamber, and a Relation of his Czarish Majesty. The Grenadiers were ranged on both sides of the Stairs, at the Head of which he was received by Prince Sckerbatoff, who conducted him to the Anti-Chamber, where Monsieur Muffin Puskin, who is one of the Chief Officers of State, and hath the Inspection of all the Ecclesiastick Affairs and Revenues, waited to introduce him to the Czar. His Czarish Majesty stood uncovered under a Canopy of State. When the Ambassador approached him, he addressed himself to his Majesty in English, and declared her Britannick Majesty's just Concern for the Affront offered to his Majesty's Minister, and signified the several Proceedings in her Majesty's Courts of Justice towards a full Reparation for that Insult. His Secretary read the same Speech in High Dutch, and a Secretary of the Czar's read it afterwards in the Russian Language. His Czarish Majesty returned an Answer in the Russian Tongue, which was interpreted by Vice-Chancellor Schaphiroff; and contained in Substance, that his Majesty might very justly have expected that those People who had violated the Law of Nations in the Person of his Ambassador, should have been punished according to his Desires; but since the Laws of Great Britain did not admit of such a Procedure, and considering the Concern the Nation had shewn for this Accident by a late Act of Parliament, as well as the Honour the Queen of Great Britain had done him by this Embassy, was willing to accept this Satisfaction. His Excellency was then dismissed from his Audience with the same Ceremony as he was Conducted thither, and at his return found three Tables prepared by the Czar's Officers for him and his Attendants. General Hallard and Lieutenant-General Offen were appointed to accompany his Excellency at Dinner; and Monsieur Czoltikeff, in the Name of his Czarish Majesty, made pressing Instances to continue the same Entertainments two Days longer; but his Excellency, with great Difficulty, was excused from accepting those Civilities. An extraordinary Guard of one hundred Men, with their proper Officers, was commanded to attend the Ambassador at his House during his Dinner, who were to be relieved every Day with the like Number from the Town. On the 17th a Courier arrived here from Constantinople with Letters from the Russian Ambassador at the Ottoman Port, dated the 18th of January, with Advice, that he had a publick Audience of the Sultan on the 14th of that Month, wherein he received a Confirmation of the late Truce between the two Empires without any Alteration, except that it was prolonged for twenty Years. The Ambassador writes, that the Turks offered to Conduct the King of Sweden, and the Troops that were with him, in safety to the Frontiers of Poland by a Guard of Janisaries, and to request his Czarish Majesty to grant him a safe Passage from thence to his own Dominions. But if his Swedish Majesty rejected that offer, they would permit him to retire which way he pleased, but refused to grant him any Protection or Assistance. On the 18th Instant great Rejoycings were made here for this Intelligence. The Russian Minister adds, that the Turks continued their Warlike Preparations. All Apprehensions of a Rupture with the Grand Signior being now vanished, it is said the Force of the War this Summer will be directed against Livonia and Finland. On the 20th Instant Monsieur Grund, the late Danish Envoy, began his Journey to Copenhagen by the way of Kiow and Breslau. On the 26th the British Ambassador being at a new Entertainment with the Czar, Prince Menzikoff and Count Goloskin, they told his Excellency that they would Dine with him the next Day. His Excellency made Preparations accordingly, and had Yesterday the Honour to entertain his Majesty with great Magnificence.

Whitehaven, March 26. Yesterday the Whitehaven Galley arrived here, laden with Sugar from the West-Indies, Captain Lutwich Commander; and at the same time the Cumberland, Captain Milham Commander, set Sail for Virginia.

Falmouth, March 27. Yesterday sailed the Success, Capt. Creamer Commander, with two Mails for Lisbon; and